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Tuten's Cottage
Ellicott City
Private

circa 1838

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District 2
Ellicott City
MAGI # 1403012404

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Tuten's Cottage

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 3825 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987)

CITY, TOWN: Ellicott City — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	X OTHER Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Mrs. Catherine Tuten — Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: 2829 Old Columbia Pike

CITY, TOWN: Ellicott City — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: MD. 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

Liber #: 335
Folio #: 278
Tax Map 25-A, p. 261

STREET & NUMBER: Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN: Ellicott City

STATE: Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE: 1978-1979 — __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN: 21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	X_DETERIORATED	X_UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The east elevation holds a dilapidated wooden staircase to a second floor, shed roofed open porch and landing in front of its north bay entrance. A second floor window, similar to those already described, lies south of the door. This elevation also indicates the ground floor stone wall for the building, which once existed here. Since the house is located on a steep slope of land, its east elevation, second floor is more like the first floor.

The building has recently been hit by a car in its southwest corner, causing severe damage to the brick work at this corner and needing immediate attention or demolition for safety.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		Local history

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Explanatory Notes

1. Tuten's Cottage is very similar to one found south of Merryman and Hill Streets in Ellicott City, on the west side of the Cat Rocks Creek, believed to be associated in some way with an old quarry further south. Tuten's Cottage and this latter building are of the same dimensions, are two bays wide, one room deep and two stories high. Staircases are located in the corner next to the entrance door, with a wide brick chimney placed on the opposite wall. Constructed of English garden wall brick bond, they rest on substantial stone foundations. Ellicott City is noted for its stone buildings, with a scattering of brick, such as we find in Tuten's Cottage.

2. The history of Tuten's Cottage is presented in the deed description of the property, where it mentions the "southwestern wall of the

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

gable end of a brick house built upon the lot now being described by James Lea" and previously "the whole lot conveyed by Thomas Isaacs to James Lea, dated March 3, 1838" and recorded in Liber WS6 22 folio 572 of the Anne Arundel County Land Records. We thus know the builder, James Lea and the man who sold him the property, Thomas Isaacs, the latter of whom owned other property in Ellicott City as well. This first parcel, on which the house stands, was evidently once a part of "Prestiges Folly".

By 1860 the property had come back to the Isaac family for Zedeiah M. Isaac in his will of 1890 mentions acquiring it in 1860 from Mr. David B. McLaughlin. In that will he devised the property to his son, William Moore Isaac, to be held in trust by him for the use of his daughter, Mary Gertrude Sunderland. In 1919, Tuten's Cottage became the property of this woman's three sons, Herbert, Edmund and Benjamin. In 1956, Warren Lee Plunkert became the owner of this small brick house. Three years later it was acquired by its present owner, Mrs. Catherine Tuten.

Recently, the southwest corner of the building has been struck by an automobile, causing breakage in the brick wall and a general collapse of the building. It is hoped that this can be repaired or the property on which it stands sold to someone interested in restoring and rehabilitating this early, modest brick buildup.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 Parcels

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, Liber 335-278

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber _____ Folio_____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Cleora Barnes Thompson, A.I.C.P., Projects Archivist

ORGANIZATION DATE
Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
3430 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN STATE
Ellicott City Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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TITLE SEARCH
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DATE	LIBER - FOLIO	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	TRANSACTION
27 June 1959		Warren Lee and Agnes Irene Plunkert	Catherine Tuten	Tax M.
September 18, 1956	291 - 285	Herbert Sunderland etal	Warren Lee Plunkert	Deed to 2 parcels

"Whereas Mary G. Sunderland by her will dated April 7, 1919 (wills 23 - 35 - Baltimore County) gave above property to her 3 sons: Herbert, Edmund and Benjamin Whereas by deed dated May 11, 1954 (264 - 592) Benjamin conveyed his 1/3 interest to the A to Z. Co. which conveyed said property back to him "for and during the term of his natural life". Whereas Benjamin died on August 7, 1955 and said June Suderland is vested with Dower interest

Beginning at a point in the south 73° west 8 perch line of the whole lot conveyed by Thomas Isaacs to James Lea dated March 3, 1838 and recorded in Liber WSG. No. 22 folio 572 (Anne Aundel County) at the distance of four(4) feet south 39½° west from the "Southwestern wall of the gable end of a brick house built upon the lot now being described by James Lee and running thence parallel to said southwestern wall of said brick house,keeping at the distance of four feet.

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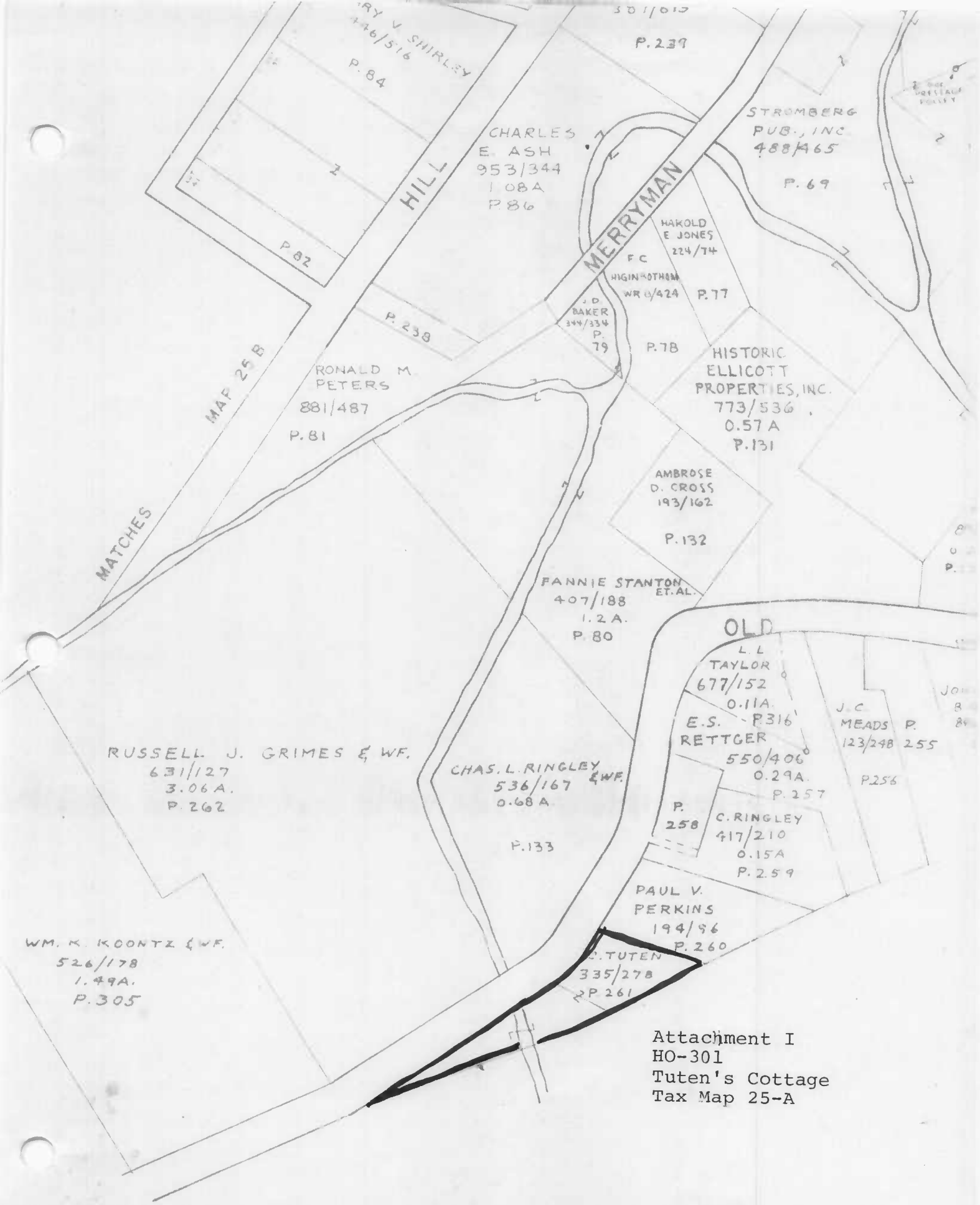
PARCEL 1 pertaining to Prestiges Folly "the beginning stone located under a concrete ramp back of Charles Miller's garage in Ellicott City

September 4, 1890 - Wills T.S.3, 189-191 Will of Zedekian M. Isaac

July 19, 1892 in item 4 "I give devise and bequeath to my said son William Moore Isaac in trust and confidence to be held by him for the use of my daughter Mary Gertude Sunderland all that piece of land with the improvements describe in a deed from David B. McLaughlin to me dated June 11, 1860 25-227 and also all that other piece or pacel of land and improvements thereon being part of the land devised to me by Thomas Isaac by last will & Test. except that part thereof described in the devise to William Isaac.

Deed fr. Rachel Strandley to Thomas Isaac Feb. 16, 1838 - AA23-124 (13-301) "the fense now stands which divides the gardens of messrs Rumstone and McKenzie, tenants on the property, thence westerly with said fense as it now stands to a granite stone planted by me 5' distance from the northeast corner of the Kitchen of the dwelling occupied by Mr. Rumstone thence in a straight line to the southeast corner of the frame bldg used as a woodshed by said Rumstone

PARCEL 2 includes that strip of ground Easterly of and bounding on the Columbia Turnpike Road reported to have been used formerly as a private roadway along the south easterly side of the lot of ground of Parcel 1. - the roadway lies adjacent thereto and between it and the property once owned by Dr. Samuel Owens and as of the date of this deed owned by Catherine M. Tuten and William Tuten 187-483. (This property is known as Broxton) containing in deed of 1945 (187-483) 20.5/10 acres of land.



Attachment I
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Tax Map 25-A

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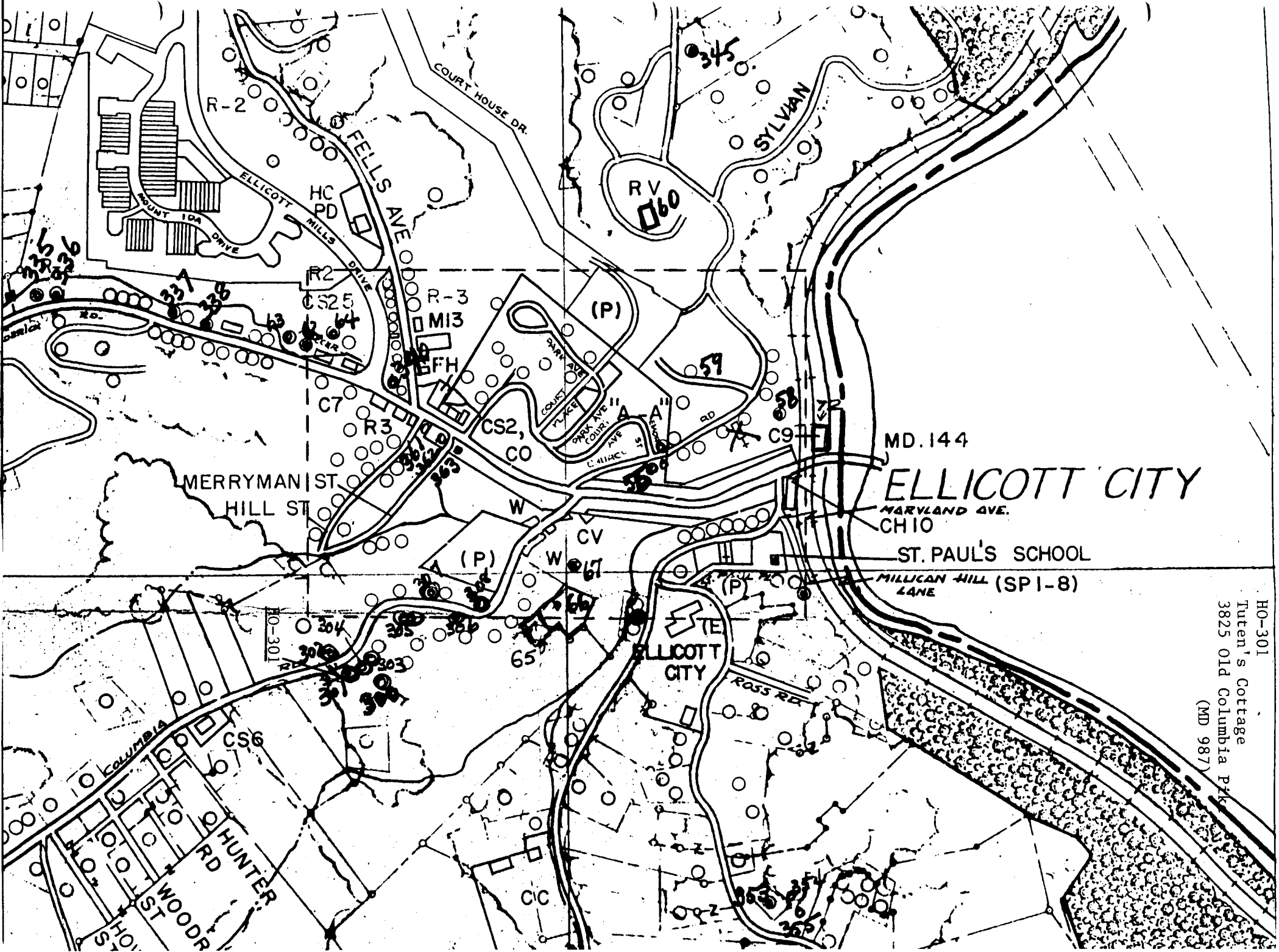
SSESS. & TAX.



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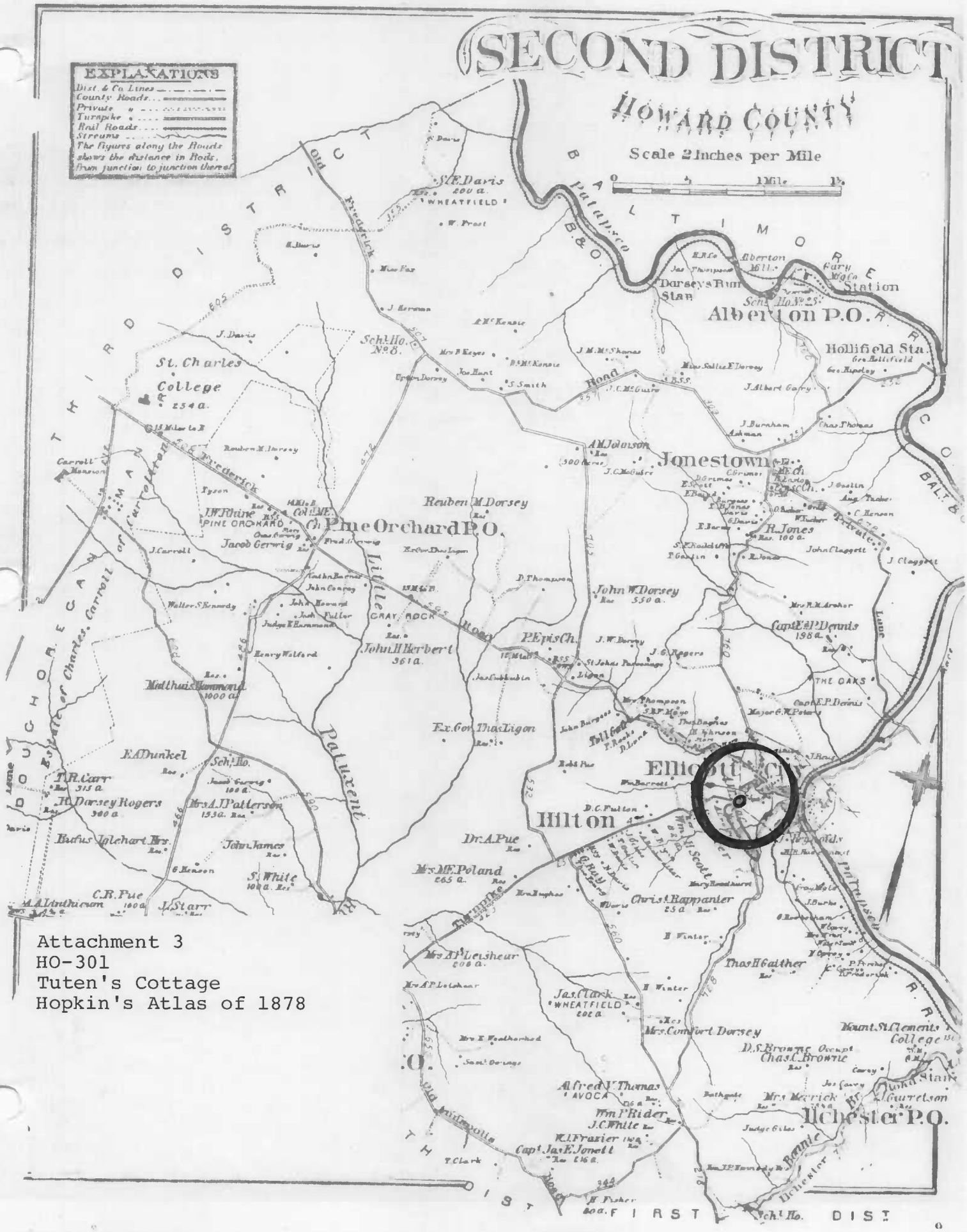

Attachment 3
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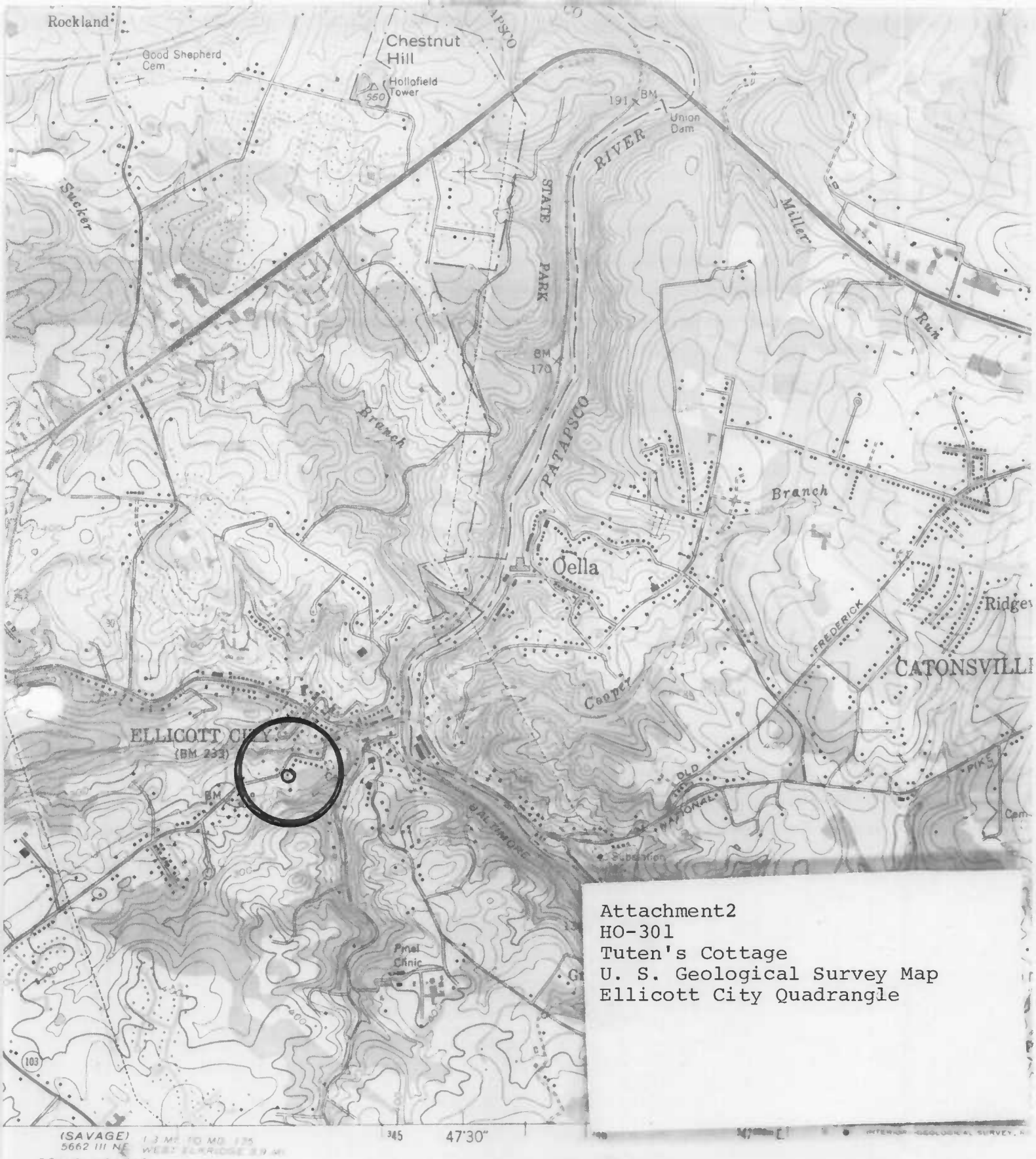
Tuten's Cottage
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



Attachment2
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Tuten's Cottage
U. S. Geological Survey Map
Ellicott City Quadrangle

Name: Tuten's Cottage HO-301

Location: 3825 Old Columbia Pike
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
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Date of photograph: September, 1980
Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust
View: west
Photographer looking: east
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